

Europa, G-BWZT

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Europa, G-BWZT

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rotax 912-UL piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1997

Date & Time (UTC): 12 June 1998 at 0955 hrs

Location: Cambridge Airport

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 2 - Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage Tailwheel support arm bent, propeller tips damaged, outrigger chafed

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with IMC Rating

Commander's Age: 64 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 127 hours (of which 26 were on type)
Last 90 days - 5 hours
Last 28 days - 2 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The flight was being conducted as part of a refresher course for the pilot who was being supervised by another pilot acting in an instructional capacity. A normal approach and landing was carried out on Runway 05 in fine weather conditions and light northerly winds. After touchdown, in the final stages of the rollout, directional control was lost and the aircraft ground looped to the left. The aircraft was taxied to the ramp for inspection where it was found that the propeller tips showed signs of ground contact and the tailwheel arm was bent.

The pilot considered that the characteristics of the aircraft and his lack of familiarity with them, together with a premature application of brake caused the loss of control. The instructor attempted to prevent the swing to the left but he was unsuccessful.

